



Every child, every opportunity, every time!

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising First Grade
2015-2016**

Nonfiction Books

Amstutz, Lisa J. *Whose Egg is This?*

Eggs come in many colors, shapes, and sizes. Some eggs are hard. Other eggs are soft. Can you match each egg to its owner? Fun clues and multiple choice photos will have you puzzling to learn more.

Ehlert, Lois. *The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life*

Lois takes readers on a delightful behind-the-scenes tour of her books and her book-making process. "Everyone needs time to develop their dreams. An egg in the nest doesn't become a bird overnight."

Ehlert, Lois. *Waiting for Wings*

Follows the life cycle of four common butterflies, from their beginnings as tiny hidden eggs and hungry caterpillars to their transformation into full-grown butterflies.

Falk, Laine. *This is the Way We Go to School*

Colorful photographs and information explore how children go to school all around the world.

Greenfield, Eloise. *In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems*

This appealing collection of poems celebrates the beauty of words and encourages listeners to let their own imaginations take wing.

Heling, Kathryn and Deborah Hembrook. *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do*

Colorful illustrations help children determine job titles from the clothes the people wear.

Jenkins, Steve. *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails.

Martin, Bill Jr. *Ten Little Caterpillars*

Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.

Murphy, Stuart. *Super Sand Castle Saturday*

This book introduces the concepts of nonstandard measurement as three friends compete to see who can build the tallest sand castle, the deepest moat, and the longest wall.

Schwartz, David. *If You Hopped Like a Frog*

Introduces the concepts of ratio by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals.

Sill, Cathryn. *About Mammals: A Guide for Children*

Beautifully illustrated, this book explains what mammals are, how they live, and what they do.

Stewart, Melissa. *When Rain Falls*

We go inside when the rain comes down, but where do animals go? Find out!

Fiction Books

Arnold, Tedd. *There's a Fly Guy in My Soup*

When Fly Guy is not allowed in the restaurant with Buzz's family, he follows his nose and ends up in the soup. Look for the other *Fly Guy* books too!

Ashman, Linda. *Rain!*

One rainy day in the city, an eager little boy happily exclaims, "Rain!" Across town a grumpy man grumbles, "Rain." Can the boy cheer up the grouchy gentleman and turn the day around?

Barnett, Mac. *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*

Sam and Dave are digging a hole to find treasure. What will they find?

Bunting, Eve. *Frog and Friends: Best Summer Ever*

Frog enjoys a summer with his friends as he compares himself to a bat, takes a vacation, and meets a Starman who helps him to see the night sky in a new way.

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. *Biscuit and the Little Pup*

Simple words and illustrations relate the adventures of Biscuit and a new puppy friend. Biscuit has many other adventures in books like *Biscuit and the Baby* and *Happy Birthday Biscuit!*

Dahl, Michael. *Goodnight Football*

In rhyming text a child, home from a game, bids goodnight to all the sights and sounds of a school football game.

Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue. *Same Same but Different*

Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries--America and India--they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.

Morales, Yuyi. *Niño Wrestles the World*

Lucha Libre champion Niño has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a no-holds-barred wrestling match that will truly test his skills.

O'Neill, Alexis. *The Recess Queen*

Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen.

Pinkney, Brian. *Max Found Two Sticks*

"It was a day when Max didn't feel like talking to anyone. He just sat on his front steps and watched the clouds gather in the sky." This is a story of a young boy's introduction to the joys of making music.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories*

Bear is a multicolored stuffed toy. Dog is a playful, rowdy dachshund. Bear and Dog solve problems, tussle, and enjoy the warm feelings that friendship brings.

Willems, Mo. *Waiting is Not Easy!*

Piggie tells Gerald she has a surprise for him, but it is not there yet so Gerald must be patient and wait, and wait some more... Check out the other "Elephant and Piggie" books too!